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Chapter 23: Change
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23 CHANGE

10PM...
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FOUND A PAIR OF BEAUTIFUL LEGS I LIKE.

...OH.

I SHOULD GO HOME.
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Welcome
NOT THAT I HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WHEN I GET HOME.

SHORT-WAISTED MODEL FIGURE. NICE.
HER NECK IS LONG. PIXIE CUT SUITS HER.
SHE'S LOOKING DOWN SO I CAN'T SEE HER FACE WELL, THOUGH.
I GUESS THERE ARE GIRLS MY TYPE THAT LIVES IN THIS NEIGH-BORHOOD...

KUJI?
...Hm?

W-
Wrong person.
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WHAT GIVES? ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY BACK?
I'M ALSO ON MY WAY HOME, SEE.
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AAA AAAA HH
...WHY ARE YOU COVERING YOUR FACE WITH YOUR SCARF?
YA GONNA SHOPLIFT IN A CONVENIENCE STORE?

What are you doing here, Ogawa-kun...
ISN'T YOUR HOUSE A BIT FAR FROM HERE?
THERE SHOULD BE A CONVENIENCE STORE CLOSER THERE...
...W-What?
It's kinda scary if you just stare at me expressionle--
YOU TRANSFORMED !!!

DID YOU COORDINATE YOUR CLOTHES AND MAKEUP YOURSELF? CAN YOU TWIRL AND SHOW IT TO ME?
SEE? THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU TO TRY USING MAKE-UP! WOW, THE ATMOSPHERE AROUND YOU CHANGED!
I WANT THE OTHERS WHO KNEW YOU BEFORE TO SEE YOU NOW. TRUST ME, THEY'LL BE EVEN MORE SURPRISED THAN ME.
I GUESS GIRLS DO CHANGE WHEN THEY MATURE! MAAN, I WAS SURPRISED.

I'M NOT. AT MY AGE, I WON'T SAY SOMETHING CHILDISH.

Ah!
J-JEEZ! YOU'RE TEASING ME AGAIN!!
EHHH
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING I'M A BUTCH AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?

Yaa ay
Jumbo girl!
Butch!
SORRY... MY GRADE SCHOOL MEMORIES ARE STILL VIVID...
NO, NO, WAIT. HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM NOW?

...WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
ARE YOU REAL -LY THAT OGAWA-KUN...?

DID YOU DO YOUR MAKEUP YOURSELF?
...O-OKAY.
NO, MAKOTO'S MOM DID.

WELL, I GUESS IT BOTHERED YOU THAT MUCH.
I KNOW IT'S TOO LATE, BUT I'M SORRY. MY BAD.

Oh, she's a pro makeup artist, right?
Yeah.
...IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO REPROACH HIM FOR WHAT HE DID BEFORE... BUT IT'S KINDA ANTI-CLIMATIC THAT HE SIN-CERELY APO-LOGIZED...

Well, it was a huge transformation after all
You're very curious.
YEAH, YUP.
JUST THE BANGS.
OHH, SO THEY HAVE THOSE, TOO.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAIR? IS THAT A WIG?
HOW DO YOU ATTACH THIS STUFF?
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SORRY. I CAN'T PUT IT BACK PROPERLY ...!
HAHA
YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE YOU GUARD UP.
IS IT ATTACHED WITH A HAIRPIN?
HMM, I THINK...
I'm not sure.
Welcome
EH, HUH? MAKOTO?
You surprised me.
'SUP. HERE TO SHOP?
I'M HERE TO PICK HER UP!!
SIS AND MOM SAID THEY MADE AKIRA BUY SOMETHING.
IF IT'S ATTACHED WITH A PIN, I THINK EVEN I CAN PUT IT BACK.
LET ME TAKE A L--
REJECTED

G-
GOT IT!!
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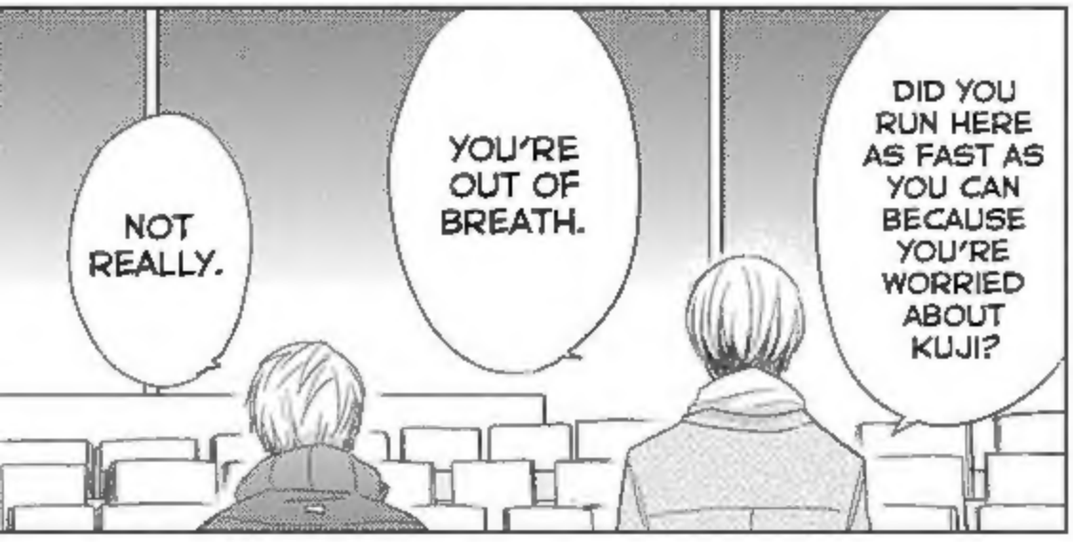
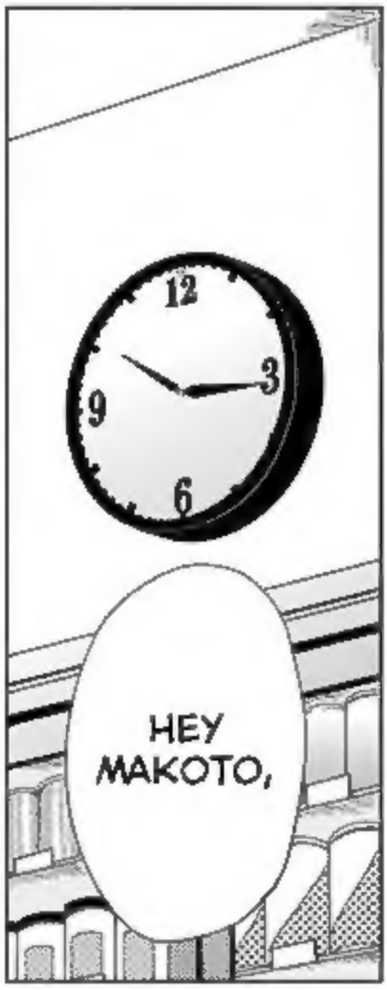
AKIRA
HURRY UP AND BUY WHAT YOU WERE ASKED TO BUY.
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU.


NOT REALLY.
YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH.
DID YOU RUN HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN BECAUSE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT KUJI?


HEY MAKOTO,

WE'RE NOT GOING OUT.
ARE YOU TWO GOING OUT?

SEE YOU GUYS AROUND.
YEAH.
BYE, BYE.
UH-HUH

IS HE IN A BAD MOOD BECAUSE THEY MADE HIM PICK ME UP...
...AWK-WARD.
AKIRA!
Y-YES?!
I WANTED TO GET HOME AND GET CHANGED ASAP BEFORE ANYONE COULD SEE ME...
BUT OF ALL PEOPLE, MAKOTO HAD TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
WHY DID THEY TELL MAKOTO I WENT TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE?
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE WORN SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
--KIRA

MA-
MAKOTO ...?
HUH...

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HUH? W-WHAT...?
WHAT'S UP ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?
WHY?
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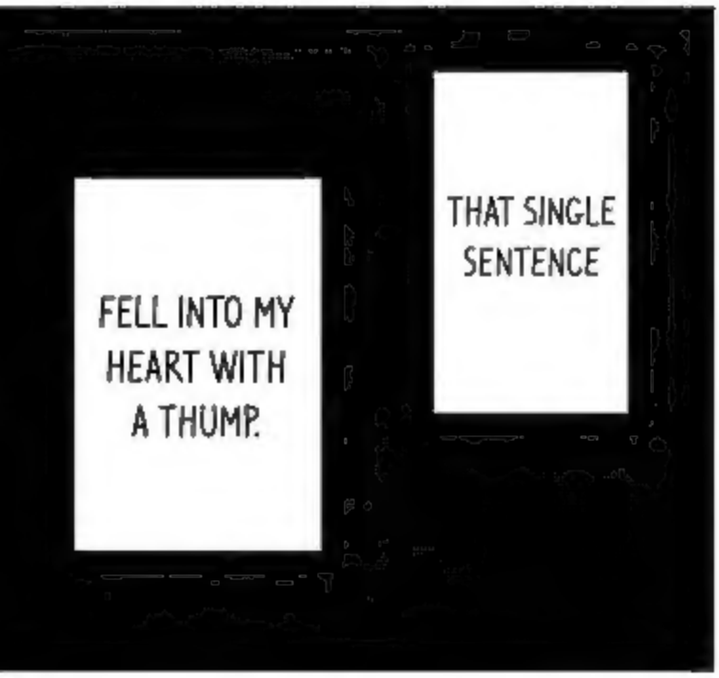
YOU...
WAH!
HEY!! わしゃ

ISN'T THAT OUTFIT... FOR YOUR DATE WITH ME?
WHY DID YOU LET OGA SEE YOU FIRST BEFORE I DID.....

...I DON'T REALLY WANT YOU TO APOLOGIZE.
...SO- SORRY.

YOU
LOOK GOOD IN THAT.


THAT SINGLE SENTENCE
FELL INTO MY HEART WITH A THUMP.

MY EARLIER SENTIMENT THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE WORN THIS DISAPPEARED SOMEWHERE.
ODDLY ENOUGH,

TO BE CONTINUED

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Best friend or more, friendzone,
Childhood friend Complex?

ARE YOU WEARING A MINI-SKIRT UNDERNEATH YOUR COAT? SIS SURE LIKES YOUR LEGS.
She often says she wants to make you wear a mini-skirt.
YEAH. IT'S A MINI DRESS TO BE EXACT.
WHEN I TOLD HER IT'S FRILLY AND BREEZY, AND MY CROTCH FEELS UNCOMFORTABLE, SHE PASSIONATELY SAID,
EVERY GIRL IN THE WORLD ENDURES THAT!!
DON'T SAY CROTCH.
AFTER GETTING HOME
Every girl in the world who wears mini-skirts and dresses...
Uoooo...
Is worthy of respect..
My stomach feels chilly...
...NEXT TIME YOU WEAR A MINI-SKIRT, ASK FOR FLEECE-LINED TIGHTS, TOO...
And don't forget pocket warmers.